



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1083***

LCO No. 3502



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) The Commissioner of Social  
2 Services, in consultation with the Commissioners of Energy and  
3 Environmental Protection and Economic and Community  
4 Development, shall conduct a study of energy assistance programs  
5 administered by the Department of Social Services and whether the  
6 provision of electrical power at facilities housing persons served by the  
7 Department of Social Services is adequate.

8 (b) The study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section  
9 shall include, but not be limited to, a report on: (1) How responsive  
10 energy assistance programs are to recipients of services, (2) what  
11 problems, if any, exist within such programs, (3) whether staff is  
12 allocated in a manner to meet the need for services within such  
13 programs, (4) whether facilities housing persons served by the  
14 department are equipped with adequate power sources in the event of  
15 a power outage, and (5) recommendations for improvement.

16 (c) Not later than July 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Social Services,  
17 in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, shall report the  
18 results of the study done pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to  
19 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
20 cognizance of matters relating to human services, housing, energy,  
21 environmental protection, and economic and community  
22 development. Such report may include the commissioner's  
23 recommendations for addressing identified gaps in the provision of  
24 services and improving access to such services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To study programs offered by the Department of Social Services to determine program efficacy and needs.

***[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]***